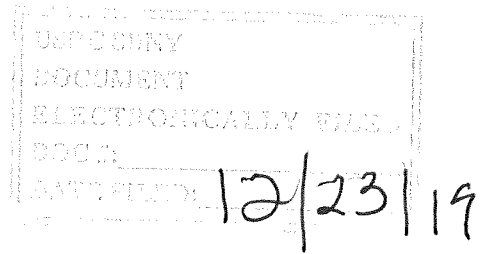


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



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RONALD THOMAS,
Plaintiff,

v.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,
Defendant.
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ORDER

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Plaintiff, proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis, filed this social security appeal by complaint dated June 13, 2019. (Doc. #2). By Order dated August 2, 2019 (Doc. #7), the Court referred this case to Magistrate Judge Lisa M. Smith for a report and recommendation. On November 19, 2019, the Court ordered defendant's counsel to file a letter by December 19, 2019, advising the Court whether the parties consented to conducting all further proceedings before Magistrate Judge Smith. (Doc. #11).

To date, defendant's counsel has failed to file a letter in compliance with the Court's November 19 Order.

The Court's Order was not a suggestion.

Accordingly, the Court sua sponte extends to January 6, 2020, defendant's counsel time to file a letter advising the Court regarding consent to conducting all further proceedings before Magistrate Judge Smith.

The Clerk is directed to mail a copy of this Order to plaintiff at the address on the docket.

Dated: December 23, 2019
White Plains, NY

SO ORDERED:

Vincent L. Briccetti
United States District Judge